

Comprehensive Plan 2005 Annual Amendment
Public Meeting
February 16, 2005
7:00-9:00PM Blacksburg Community Center

Public Comments (Eight attendees)

VDOT/Interchange property

- Hotel entrance off of Hightop Road would be awkward
- Is access from Rt.460 feasible?
- Farmview cannot handle commercial traffic
- Concern over traffic flow
- Speeding is a concern on Farmview
- Huckleberry Trail connection should be made as part of any future project.
- Does the fill on the property affect the development?
- Would the construction of a park be delayed because the Blacksburg Partnership will not have money or enough revenues?
- Can a trail be installed on top of the future sewer extension to the bed and breakfast?
- How is the Blacksburg Partnership organized?
- Is a new hotel really needed in town?
- Is a hotel financial feasible?
- Can the Hightop Road/Rt. 460 intersection handle the increase in traffic?
- Is a hotel the highest and best use of the property?
- How will neighbors be notified on any future development?
- What is the public does not want a park. The Parks and Recreation budget has been reduced year after year. Maintenance and infrastructure will cost a lot. We do not need a new park.
- Traffic needs to be kept off of neighborhood streets.
- A walking path or sidewalk is needed along Farmview. Can this be incorporated into the park design?
- A pedestrian path/access should be created across the interchange to connect the greenway trail on Ramble Road and the hospital area.
- If the park could support 12 soccer fields, the town could host two soccer tournaments a year. This would generate a great deal of revenue. This could be protected from residents and with a new road, traffic could be kept off of Farmview.
- There is no mention of the town owned Ellett Recreation Area which is actually closer to the neighborhood than Nellie's Cave Park. This Ellett Park is a recreation facility for this neighborhood.
- Support the expansion of Nellie's Cave Park, but why would you develop a park there on County land and then say that you want to sell Ellett Park because it is not within the town limits.

- Ellett Park operates on zero money. It is maintained by volunteers and requires no money.
- Ellett Park should be mentioned in this section with mention of a desire to enhance this nature park so more people can access it.

Tom's Creek Sewer

- Is the town required to meet the MS-4 standards for stormwater?
- Stormwater collection and management is not adequately covered in the Comprehensive Plan and directly affects the current sewer system.
- Wastewater should be more defined. Waste water includes both sewage as well as storm water. The Comprehensive Plan should use the term sewerage.
- Stormwater disconnections needs to be taken to Town Council and proactively enforced for single family residences that are currently hooked up to sewer lines.
- Serious consideration is needed concerning stormwater management and how to comply with the upcoming requirements.

Airport

- Does the airport have to have a formal public review process to initiate major capital improvements?
- Was there any discussion with the town prior to enforcement of the RPZ by the FAA?
- Can a park be constructed within a RPZ?
- The park should be left natural. Money should not be spent, if possible, on maintenance of park. Use native species plants.
- How were the businesses notified?
- What is the impact on the west side of the airport?
- Can cows graze within the RPZ?

Miller Southside Master Plan

- The statement that no trucks should be allowed on Draper Road is exclusionary. There are very few North/South routes through the middle of town. Draper Road should not be cut off from the transportation system.
- Why not have not parking on Palmer, which is a major North/South connector road.